

29 AUG 2006



UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Commissioner for Patents  
United States Patent and Trademark Office  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450  
[www.uspto.gov](http://www.uspto.gov)

Mr. Stephen J. Sowerby  
192 Balmacewen Road  
Dunedin  
NEW ZEALAND

In re Application of  
SOWERBY, et al.  
PCT No.: PCT/NZ04/00086  
Application No.: 10/550,547  
Int. Filing Date: 07 May 2004  
Priority Date: 16 May 2003  
Atty. Docket No.: 061967-0102  
For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR MIXING  
SAMPLE AND REAGENT IN A SUSPENSION  
FLUID

Dear Mr. Sowerby:

You are named as an inventor in the above identified United States patent application, filed under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.47(a) and 35 U.S.C. 116. Should a patent be granted, you will be designated as an inventor. As a named inventor, you are entitled to inspect any paper in the file wrapper of the application, order copies of all or any part thereof (at a prepaid cost per 37 CFR 1.19) or to make your position of record in the application. Alternately, you may arrange to do any of the preceding through a registered patent agent or attorney presenting written authorization from you. If you care to join in the application, the law firm of record (see below) would presumably assist you. Joining in the application would entail the filing of the appropriate oath or declaration by you pursuant to 37 CFR 1.63.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Derek A. Putonen".

Derek A. Putonen  
Attorney Advisor  
Office of PCT Legal Administration  
Tel: (571) 272-3294  
Fax: (571) 273-0459

R. Brian McCaslin  
Foley & Lardner, LLP  
3000 K Street, N.W.  
Suite 500  
Washington, DC 20007  
United States of America